

Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Rotary Club of Eaglehawk



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Most weeks we meet at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting. However, as this sometimes changes please see below for details on the program for each Club meeting.

June Birthdays

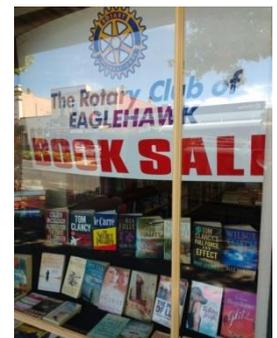
8th Brian Fitzpatrick
 10th Ron Payne

| Dates and Events for Your Diaries - | | Club Members Duty Roster - |
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| June 2 nd | Club Dinner Meeting - | Bar – Ron Cleanup – Alf/Eric |
| June 4 th | Goldfields Cluster Event – FORaMEAL Bendigo Event – Eaglehawk Clubrooms | ** Volunteers Needed ** |
| June 5 th | Goldfields Cluster Event – FORaMEAL Echuca Event – Echuca Rotary Park | ** Volunteers Needed ** |
| June 5 th | Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12noon | John Gurr/Doug Harrison |
| June 9 th | Club Dinner Meeting - | Bar – Carolyn Cleanup – Rita/Trevor |
| June 12 th | Rotary Book Shop – 12am – 12noon | Geoff A/Alison |
| June 13 th | Chrysler Car Club Catering | ** Volunteers Needed ** |
| June 16 th | Club Dinner Meeting - | Bar – Alison Cleanup – Alf/Doug |
| July 7th | Club Changeover Dinner – Eaglehawk Bowling Club | |

Rotary Book Shop



Don't forget to see when you have been rostered for the book shop – it's a two hour shift on a Saturday – if it's not convenient then see who you can swap with.





Mick's Quote of the Week

"Barely 50 years ago, childhood cancer was virtually a death sentence. Through medical research the survival rates for children's cancer are up at around nearly 80%, so it's really one of the miracles of modern medicine."

Professor Michelle Haber AM, Children's Cancer Institute

Great to see a great turnout for last night's meeting, Guests for the night were Gail Fitzpatrick and Mandy Costello (but Mandy is becoming a regular at our meetings).



Our Guest speaker for the night was Gerry Bateman - Tour-De-Cure speaking on how and why she became involved in this Cancer Fundraising.

Gerry impressed me and I think all that were present on the night with her passion for the cause and her commitment to Tour- De- Cure. Gerry has, through her fundraising efforts, raised over \$100,000.00.



On the subject of fundraising last night we conducted a raffle of a 20 year old bottle of Chivas Regal (box said 12 years but it has probably spent 8 years sitting in the cupboard). Raising about \$176.00 which we donated to Tour- De- Cure, thank you to Geoff Gallagher who provided the prize.

Brian Fitzpatrick was the winner of the Scotch, we will be around to help drink it.

Busy couple of weeks coming up (pending COVID restrictions).

Next Friday and Saturday we have FOR a MEAL packing see note below on where and when.

Queen's birthday weekend on the Sunday 13th June we are catering for the Chrysler Car Club Show and Shine so we will be needing volunteers for both.

Next week our Guest is Jennifer Lay, an Associate at Slater & Gordon Lawyers talking on her association with Timor Leste with her parents migrating to Australia.

See you all next week COVID permitting.

Mick Costello
President (for 5 more Weeks)
Rotary Club of Eaglehawk

EDITOR'S NOTE – since the writing of this report the Covid situation in Victoria has changed the plans for at least the next week and events planned for Wednesday 2nd June through Sunday June 6th have been cancelled/postponed..

**** THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED ****

We are keen for our Cluster Event – Friday June 4th and Saturday June 5th. All of the eight clubs within the Goldfields Clusters have agreed to come together and combine our efforts to bolster the supplies of FORaMEAL kits for the Rotary Club of Canterbury.

Each club will be responsible for gathering a contingent of about 12 people aiming to cover the two venues over the two days. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the work of Rotary and all clubs are encouraged to promote this activity throughout their communities.

Additional information can be found on the Rotary Club of Canterbury's FORaMEAL website - these are the packs we will be preparing.



Volunteers from our club to date are -

Friday 4th June 4.30pm – 7pm at our very own Mechanics Facility

Alison Bacon
Ron Payne
Debbie Payne
Mandy Costello
Eric Smith
John Gurr
Mick Costello
Rita O'Brien
Alf Thorpe
Geoff Adcock
Lyn Harrison
Doug Harrison

Saturday 5th June 12.30pm – 3pm at Echuca

Alison Bacon
Ron Payne
Gary Frank
Geoff Gallagher



RC Eaglehawk Acts of Kindness.

Listed below are the latest contribution to our 'Acts of Kindness.' Please let us know of others happening within the club and within families of our Rotary members.

23. President Mick, PE Gary and PP's John, Alison and Ron all spent a few hours doing a thorough clean-up of our storage shed. The "might come in handy one day" gear now resides elsewhere.
24. A young, disabled girl was struggling to pay for her purchases at the register in Kmart. The cashier very kindly tried to assist but it was a challenge for all involved. PP Alison Bacon's offer to pay on her behalf resulted in a positive outcome for a difficult situation.
25. Rotarian Charlie Cunneen's regular and ongoing support of St. Vinnie's certainly is one of the unsung acts that really deserves a mention.
26. A local elderly Vietnam Vet had to take his car to a dealership in Ballarat but he was unable to make the trip. PP Alison took it for him, and ensured that the issue he was experiencing was resolved.
27. Rtn. Geoff Adcock has been involved with the Bendigo Volleyball Association helping Karen boys become involved in the Junior Volleyball.
28. President Mick and PE Gary assisted an Eaglehawk resident by moving furniture and boxes to allow easy access for the repainting to be undertaken – a great Mothers Day effort – well done guys.
29. Lynne has finally (after more than a year of searching) managed to source a new toy poodle for a friend. Who lives alone and has no family. It's wonderful that she will now have the company of this pooch over the winter and for years to come.
30. A personal donation was made by a member to the RI Foundation annual fund to further the good work being done internationally of Rotary.



Planning for our meetings –

As a club we are fortunate to have the Mechanics facility for our meetings and club events. This also means that we need to plan and consider all those who help us to ensure our nights run smoothly and everyone is able to enjoy the experience. Additionally, we need to ensure we don't incur unnecessary costs. Some time ago the board decided



upon a process to ensure we maintained accurate numbers for catering purposes so here is a reminder for us all as to what we need to do –

1. If you are a member it is presumed that you will be attending the meeting and requiring a meal each week. This means that a meal will be ordered on your behalf and payment for such is required.
2. If you are NOT going to be able to attend the meeting then you will need to advise the President before 5.00pm on the Monday immediately prior to the meeting that you are an apology and will not be requiring a meal.
3. If you are bringing a guest then you need to advise the President as per 2. above.
4. A member is responsible to pay for any meal that has been ordered on your behalf.

It has been so long since we enjoyed the 'normal' meeting experience that we may be out of sorts for a while but if we all work together we can quickly get back into the groove.

Four-Way Test



The Four-Way Test
of the things we think, say or do.

- 1** Is it the truth?
- 2** Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3** Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4** Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

District Governor's Message

It's time to start thinking about the year ahead when we 'Serve to Change Lives'

The new Rotary year will be upon us in just over five weeks and much is happening at District in preparation. A fantastic District Assembly was held Saturday and highlighted our move from the theme of *Rotary Opens Opportunities to Serve to Change Lives*. I sincerely congratulate District Governor-elect Dale Hoy, his incoming team and all those who were involved for an exceptionally well-run and informative online event that included 18 speakers and 15 breakout rooms over a two-hour period. The Rotary year ahead is in great hands!



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CHANGE LIVES**

This is also the time for all clubs to reflect on your favourite projects for the year; to make sure you have captured them in some way and to think about how you will tell your stories and share your passion for Rotary to the community, including the wider Rotary family. It is important not to lose our success stories, but to ensure they are recorded in a medium through which they can be shared with others, and articulated in general conversations. Many fantastic projects have been shared in *Networker*, but I am certain there are many more that demonstrate how Rotarians are *People of Action*.

Youth Service Month is soon to end and it's also another good time to look back on the youth projects in which your club has been involved and ensure they are included in your club plans for next year. MUNA, National Youth Science Forum, RYLA, RYPEN, Rotary Youth Exchange, Earlyact, Interact and Rotaract are key Rotary programs that will ensure we help to develop the leaders of the future. In addition, if you would like to serve at District level on the Youth Service Committee or any one of the committees for these important youth programs, please contact Khurram Khan, Chair District Youth Services Committee via khurramjk786@gmail.com

On a final note, do consider inviting those in your networks, past and present, including past Rotarians to club meetings. Let's share with pride the amazing work of Rotary!

Have a great week in Rotary service everyone.

Rotary District 9800 Governor Philip Archer

District Governor-elect Dale Hoy sets a clear vision

By Past President Tricia Reardon

It was an epiphany sparked by yet another sea of never-ending batik shirts at a formal business function that caused Dale to think that perhaps it was time to end his ten-year business venture in Jakarta, Indonesia, and return home to Australia. Adding weight to this decision was the worsening political situation and so, despite the success he was enjoying with his financial planning business, Dale together with wife Maureen and their young son, moved back to Victoria, eventually settling in Brighton.



Dale has continued to work in the financial services area creating an international superannuation platform for expatriates located around the globe. Eager to also use his professional skills to give back to the community, he joined Brighton Rotary in 2004.

When selected as President-elect, Dale took the role on with the view that Brighton Rotary membership should be open to women, fully supporting then-president Barry Hickman in ensuring this happened. Dale felt strongly that the Club needed to represent the whole community, not just half. Today, 10-15% of the Club's membership is female with good people coming through for leadership roles.

Dale was President of Brighton Rotary in 2016-17, and then Assistant Governor for Batman Cluster in 2019-20. The role of District Governor was not on his radar—until he was strongly encouraged to throw his hat into the ring, a decision he has not regretted. The guidance, support and camaraderie of the G-Train (Governors' Train) have assisted Dale in laying the foundation to set a clear vision for his Governorship in 21/22. Working with Past Governor Grant Hocking, current Governor Philip Archer, and more recently Governor-nominee Amanda Wendt and Governor Nominee-designate Ron Payne, has been a highlight of his G-Train journey.

A mantra that will underpin Dale's vision is to make Rotary relevant to the community to attract people. "We are in the attraction business, not recruitment business," Dale says. "I want to make it easier for like-minded people to participate in service projects as volunteers and in time, members," he adds. Part of achieving this will be ensuring the right messaging, as Dale doesn't believe that Rotarians tell their stories well enough. "Whilst Rotarians have big hearts and connect well with their communities, the work being done remains the best kept secret," Dale feels.

Building a strong public image and communications strategy will be a key aspect to Dale's plan. He wants to see communication lines between Interactors, Rotaractors and Rotarians strengthened, encouraging young people to retain their interest in Rotary after leaving school. Dale has also been working closely with Warwick Cavell (Rotary Central Melbourne), who is leading Rotary's involvement with the Victorian Government on developing a scalable mentor platform for university aged youth.

Keen to further develop corporate engagement and build on the work DG Philip Archer has done in this area, Dale sees Rotary being good for business, especially aligning shared values, going beyond the 'corporate social responsibility' hymn and introducing strong partnering with The Rotary Foundation. Simply handing over cheques to other charitable organisations and fundraisers is not enough in Dale's view, as Rotary's brand and activities worldwide need to be highlighted.

There is much ahead to look forward to in Dale's year and he is keen to emphasise that the sole purpose of District is to support and serve clubs, enabling them to increase their community impact.

Shelterbelt and Wildlife Corridor Replanting for Gippsland Bushfire-Ravaged Farms

By Anne Peace, Rotary Bendigo South on behalf of all involved

The beginning – Two Club Presidents (from Bendigo South and Bairnsdale Sunrise) meet for the first time at Presidents-elect training, strike up a friendship and organise a joint club Zoom meeting.

A question was asked...what can we do to help the bushfire recovery? The reply was no more tangible articles such as clothing and bedding etc., as there is enough in storage. The farmers have enough support with replacing fences, sheds, machinery and small items.

Then ABC Landline highlighted the destruction of shade trees, shelterbelts and wildlife corridors and the adverse effect on the remaining stock.

An idea grew.

A District 9800 Grant application was submitted and succeeded to purchase covers for igloos, tubes, tree guards, planting soil etc.

Seeds arrived from Gippsland ... the project started.

Working bees commenced. Rotarians are germinating the seeds at home and 'tree-sitting' where they can.

When the time is right – the tube stock will be transported to Gippsland and those Rotarians who are willing and able will work alongside the farmers, under their direction, to replant and rejuvenate the land. Rotary Rochester's Community bus will be used as the transport.

Project benefits – fellowship between Rotary clubs and with farmers who can share their stories as they work beside a Rotarian who cares. This is a practical project with an environmental theme. And the results? Well, they will remain for years to come!

This project received the District 9800 Recognition Award for Supporting the Environment.



District Changeover 2021

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ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER

DG Philip Archer & DGE Dale Hoy

Invite you to attend the District 9800 Changeover celebration

HYATT PLACE CONVENTION CENTRE, ESSENDON FIELDS

SUNDAY 27th JUNE 2021

12.00 for 12.30 PM – 3.30 PM

Cost: \$65.00 per person
Includes: drinks on arrival, two-course meal,
2 bottles of wine per table
Free car parking opposite hotel/
\$5 in hotel car park

RSVP and Bookings: 18th June 2021

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